



Reduce – Reuse – Recycle – Respect

Dutch Neck School and the Dutch Neck PTA are making a commitment to protect our Earth. We would like to empower the children to make an impact and make every day “Earth Day” at Dutch Neck School!

We are hoping you’ll help your children make the very important choice to recycle your plastic bags.

Send your grocery and store bags to school with your children. There will be a recycling area near the cafeteria where students can drop off their bags as soon as they get off the bus.

Every student can make a difference!

Not convinced? Take a look at these facts:

- An average person will use over 350 bags in a single year!
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- Just 1 plastic bag takes 450 years to biodegrade. Imagine 10 billion of them!
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- When plastic “photo degrades” it ends up in our oceans, where it looks like plankton, and is consumed by fish - which wind up on your dinner table - YUCK!!!
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- In a large city, one less grocery bag per person would reduce waste by five million pounds and save \$250,000 in disposal costs!
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- Every American uses almost 200 pounds of plastic in a year.
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- In 1987, the US used almost 1 billion barrels of oil — enough to meet the nation’s oil demand for imported oil for five months — just to make plastics.
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- When buried, some plastic materials may last for 700 years.
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- Americans use 4 million plastic bottles every hour — yet only one bottle out of four is recycled.

Please recycle this flyer! 

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Enclosed are flyers for the children to take home which explain the plastic bag recycling program.

Wegmans has supported us by donating the recycling receptacles and the Princeton store will be our drop off location for the plastic bags.

In addition, every class will receive a small bin for the students to deposit their plastic bottles so that they are not co-mingled in the classroom trash.

The Recycling Center is located near the cafeteria at the back of the stage. Please select a student to deposit the class bottles as your bin gets full. We expect the students to deposit their plastic bags on their own.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help support you with this important project. Whether it's a writing project to thank Wegmans, a math project to calculate the tonnage of plastic being recycled, or a social studies or science lesson about reducing waste and protecting the Earth, the Dutch Neck PTA is here to help.

This is a new project for the school, and we are hopeful it will run smoothly. If you have any questions or issues, please email Dana Panson at pansond@comcast.net.

**Thank you for your support.
- The Green Committee**

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